MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TWELFTH DAY.

Saturday, 14th March 1959.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS
(to which oral answers were given)

Compensation paid to the Previous Proprietors of the Kolar Gold Fields.

*Q.—32. SRI M. RAMAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that a question was raised in the Lok Sabha regarding the compensation paid to the previous proprietors of the Kolar Gold Fields ;

(*b*) whether they are also aware of the answers given by the Central Minister on the floor of Lok Sabha that excessive compensation was given by the Mysore Government ?

A.—SRI B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) and (*b*) The State Government do not have the material for answering this question. The Government of India have been addressed in this behalf.

SRI M. RAMAPPA.—On what date did this Government take a decision in the matter of compensation and what is the amount ?

MR. SPEAKER.—That general question will not help.

SRI M. RAMAPPA.—It is a specific question : on what date didthis Government take a decision ?

MR. SPEAKER.—I think it is too general. If the member wants he may ask on what basis the compensation was determined in that particular case.

SRI B. D. JATTI.—It is according to the Act that decision was taken.

SRI M. RAMAPPA.—Did the Cabinet take a decision in the matter and on what date ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—I shall give the date ; but the Cabinet did take a decision as per the Act passed by this House.

SRI M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Are the Government aware that an officer of the Government of India went into the question and submitted a report to them stating that the rate of compensation that was given to these companies was much more than is warranted ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—Sri Kaul was appointed by the Government of India. He came here and had negotiations. According to the report submitted by him and after full negotiations with the Government of India, this Government came to the conclusion.

SRI C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that while fixing compensation at an early stage the total value of the assets were estimated by a responsible officer of this Government also ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—It is true. The average value of the shares was taken.

SRI C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—If that is the case, is it a fact that John Taylor and Sons have left properties in England ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—The reserves which were kept in England have also been taken into consideration while deciding compensation.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—While our officer estimated the assets of this Company both here as well as in England, has he taken the properties of the Company in England into consideration?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—According to the information which I know, it is only the reserve fund that was available in England and nothing else.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Was there any pressure from the Centre to pay more compensation?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There was no pressure and there ought not to be any pressure. The Government of India appointed one officer to go into the question and after enquiry he has submitted a report.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What were the special circumstances that weighed with the Government in fixing the quantum of compensation at a high figure than is warranted by the circumstances.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It was fixed by statute.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—The compensation that was paid to the mining companies was far in excess than is warranted by the Act.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is a matter of opinion. Ultimately whatever figure was accepted was in consultation with the Government of India and that is there.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Ultimately it was fixed by the Governmen. of India and not by this Government.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It was on the advice of the Government of India and we also thought that it was correct and it was according to the Act.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I want to know whether the amount that was given to the K.G.F. Mining Companies was fixed by this House?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes and there is the Act.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The compensation itself?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I definitely learn that the compensation was fixed by the House. Then this House cannot go behind it.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—After the compensation was fixed it was brought before the House and approved, and I do not understand how members are complaining that it was not correct.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether the then Chief Minister Sri Hanumanthaiah made it clear that the compensation was higher than what was warranted by the circumstances and that it was at the instance of the Government of India?

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the amount was fixed by this House, all these questions become irrelevant. Since this fact has been challenged by some members, I want to be certain about the fact myself. So I will hold over the question and look into the statutory provision and then only I will allow supplementaries. Otherwise we would be going behind what we had already fixed.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It is stated that the Government of India has been addressed in this matter. Will it be possible to get the information from the Government of India in the meantime?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—It is a fact that the compensation payable to the K.G.F. Company was determined by this House. That being so, I do not find any reason for further questions or for holding over the question.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—I have put this question. This question was raised in the Lok Sabha. Then the answer furnished by the Minister was that this excessive compensation was entirely due to the Mysore Ministry. That is why I have put this question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Whatever be the compensation, if it was fixed by this House, naturally there should be an end to this matter. This House cannot agitate against it. But since this fact has been challenged, I would like to look into it. I would agree with the Hon'ble Member Dr. Nagan Gowda that in the meantime attempts must be made to get the papers from the Government of India.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Before the Chair gives a ruling, will it look into the question and the reply given? These supplementaries do not at all arise from the question. I knew some facts and

that is why I mentioned them. The Hon'ble Members wanted to elicit some information and I have given it to them. The question is whether this matter was raised in the Lok Sabha and we have said that we are trying to get that information from the Government of India and then we will supply it to the House. Really speaking, there is no question of holding over the question or replying to supplementaries which arise out of this question. All the same, I am prepared to reply to them.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The difficulty is that I want to know whether the amount of compensation was approved by the previous House. I am told by some members that there is a statutory provision, but since it has been challenged by some others, I want to make myself sure about it.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The constitutional requirement is that the Legislature must fix the compensation.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I want to know whether this constitutional requirement has been complied with or not. Secondly, the question refers to the amount of compensation being higher than what was contemplated. The State Government has said that it has no papers and that it has addressed the Government of India in this behalf...

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—We have addressed for papers relating to the answer furnished in the Lok Sabha.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The point at issue is whether the question which has been put by Sri Ramappa was raised in the Lok Sabha. We will ascertain it and when we get the information we will reply.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The clarification that I want from Government is with regard to (*b*). (*b*) refers to excessive compensation given by the Mysore Government and the reply to that is that the State Government do not have the material for answering this question and so the Government of India have been addressed in this matter. Have the Government sought information from the Government of India about the fact that the Mysore Government have paid excessive compensation ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We are not short of materials; we are in possession of all materials. What we want to refer to the Government of India is regarding the question put in the Lok Sabha, whether such a question was at all put and whether they have said that the compensation paid was more. If we get that information, we will be in a position to reply.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In the Lok Sabha the Minister in charge of this portfolio has made a very clear observation that excessive compensation has been paid So the point now is whether the amount of compensation ultimately paid to the Mining Companies is in excess of what was approved by this House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What I have said is that all the relevant information may be collected and I will hold over the question till then.

Misappropriation of Funds in Sri Krishnarajendra Co-operative Seciety, Bangarpet.

**Q.*—71. Sri E. NARAYANA GOWDA (Bangarpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have received any complaint regarding misappropriation of funds in Sri Krishnarajendra Co-operative Society at Bangarpet Town by its Secretary during the period 1950 to 1955 ;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by them to recover that amount ;

(*c*) whether it is also a fact that this has been mentioned in the Audit Reports of the said years ;

(*d*) the total amount misappropriated and the amount so far recovered?

A.—Sri MALI MARIAPPA (Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Disputes are being filed by the Society.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Total amount misappropriated: Rs. 2,462-13-11.

Amount recovered : Rs. 2,342-15-11.